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Class Specifications
for the Class:

PHYSICIAN I

Duties Summary:

Renders general professional medical care in the diagnosis and treatment of the diseases and disorders of the human body; and performs other duties as required.

Distinguishing Characteristics:

This class involves responsibility, as a fully trained and competent general medical practitioner, in the diagnoses and treatment of diseases, physical disabilities and injuries in rendering medical care to patients in hospitals, clinics, infirmaries or in other medical facilities.

Examples of Duties:

Examines patients, makes diagnoses, prescribes care and administers treatment; determines and orders laboratory tests and X-rays and interprets examination findings and test results; performs patient care duties covering the full range of cases represented in the setting limited by policies of referral and consultation; follows progress of patients by interview, periodic examinations, laboratory tests and X-rays; recommends the transfer of patients to hospitals or other medical facilities for more specialized diagnostic and treatment services; seeks consultation and advice from colleagues or medical specialists as necessary on critical, controversial or specialized cases; performs emergency diagnoses and treatment services; conducts physical examination of patients or others requiring such examinations; may direct or supervise nurses, therapists, social workers or other personnel who are part of the treatment team; may perform major surgery; may treat psychiatric patients, under specialized direction; may conduct general medical clinics; may participate in staff or other meetings; prepares and maintains records of diagnoses, treatment and case histories; prepares requisitions for equipment, drugs, and supplies.

Knowledge and Abilities Required:

Knowledge of: The principles and practices of medicine, including clinical pathology, the diagnoses of physical disorders, pathological anatomy, surgical techniques, therapeutics and toxicology, and the etiology of disease.

Ability to: Perform patient-care services in various settings; use insight and ingenuity in recognizing symptoms and devising treatment regimens; direct or supervise members of the treatment team; perform major surgery; conducts general medical clinics; inspire confidence in others; establish and maintain a high level of cooperative working relationships with others; evaluate patients' mental state and attitudes.

This is the first specification for the new class
PHYSICIAN I.

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